

## ***LISTING OF CLAIMS***

1. (Original) A split plat management and assignment system, comprising:
  - receiving logic operable to receive a request from a user to split a plat, the request including information about a location of a congested plat;
  - a database coupled to the receiving logic, operable to store the request with any previously received open requests;
  - assignment logic coupled to the database, operable to assign an open request to a draftsman and to instruct the database to record the assignment; and
  - completion logic coupled to the database, operable to instruct the database to close an open request responsive to an input from the draftsman.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
  - observation logic coupled to the database, operable to enable any of a plurality of users to view open requests.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the observation logic is further operable to view open requests by a state in which the plat is located.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the observation logic is further operable to enable any of a plurality of users to view a plurality of requests that have been assigned to a draftsman.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the location includes a wirecenter and a plat name.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the database is further operable to store an assignment date and the draftsman assigned to the request.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the receiving logic is further operable to receive a priority status associated with the request and instruct the database to store the priority status associated with the request.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for assigning and managing split plat requests, comprising the steps of:

- receiving a request to split a plat into multiple plats, the request including information about a location of a congested plat;

- storing the request to split a plat in a centralized database which stores any open requests;

- assigning the request to split a plat to a draftsman;

- instructing the database to record the assignment of the request;

- receiving a closing request from the draftsman to close the request to split a plat; and

- closing the request to split a plat responsive to the closing request.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

- enabling any of a plurality of users to view any open requests stored in the database.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the plurality of users can view any open requests stored in the database according to the state in which the request is located.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the plurality of users can view any requests associated with a draftsman.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the receiving a request to split a plat further comprises ~~the steps of:~~

receiving a wirecenter name associated with the request; and

receiving a plat name associated with the request.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein instructing the database to record the assignment of the request further comprises ~~the steps of:~~

instructing the database to store a date associated with the assignment;

and

instructing the database to store a draftsman associated with the assignment.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

receiving a priority status from the user associated with the request; and

storing the priority status associated with the request in the database.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for assigning and managing split plat requests, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

receiving a request to split a plat into multiple plats, the request including information about a location of a congested plat;

storing the request to split a plat in a centralized database which stores any open requests;

assigning the request to split a plat to a draftsman;

instructing the database to record the assignment of the request;

receiving a closing request from the draftsman to close the request to split a plat; and

closing the request to split a plat responsive to the closing request.

16. (Original) The program of claim 15, further comprising:  
enabling any of a plurality of users to view any open requests stored in the database.

17. (Original) The program of claim 16, wherein the plurality of users can view any open requests stored in the database according to the state in which the request is located.

18. (Original) The program of claim 17, wherein the plurality of users can view any requests associated with a draftsman.

19. (Currently Amended) The program of claim 15, wherein the receiving a request to split a plat further comprises ~~the steps of:~~  
receiving a wirecenter name associated with the request; and  
receiving a plat name associated with the request.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ program of claim 15, wherein instructing the database to record the assignment of the request further comprises ~~the steps of:~~  
instructing the database to store a date associated with the assignment;  
and  
instructing the database to store a draftsman associated with the assignment.

21. (Currently Amended) The program of claim 15, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~  
receiving a priority status from the user associated with the request; and  
storing the priority status associated with the request in the database.